

# What's Happening Wednesday

## Kansas Immunization Program



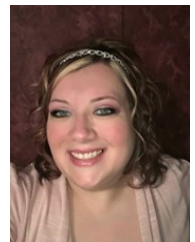
**VFC Consultant on Call** - The Consultant on call for next week is Lorraine Baughman at [Lorraine.baughman@ks.gov](mailto:Lorraine.baughman@ks.gov). The Consultant on call can be reached at 785-296-5592.



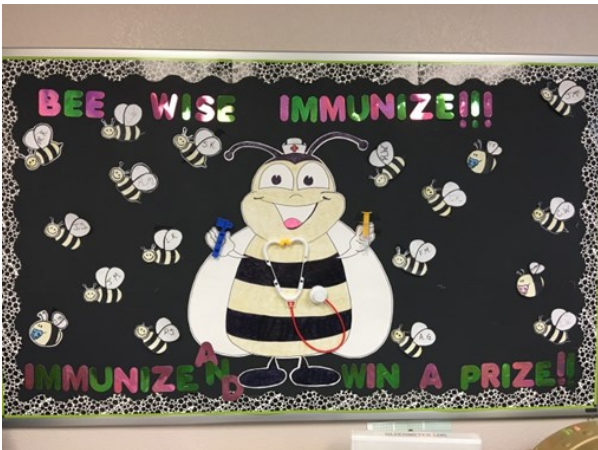
**April 26th, 2017**

**Chief Chat-** As you are aware, this is National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). NIIW is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States. Each year, during NIIW, communities across the U.S. celebrate [CDC Childhood Immunization Champions](#). These award recipients are being recognized for the important contributions they have made to public health through their work in childhood immunization.

We are proud to announce the 2017 Kansas Immunization Champion is Tenille Forbes, RN. The Champion Award is intended to honor individuals working at the state or community level who are doing an exemplary job, going above and beyond the call of duty to promote childhood immunizations or implement immunization practice improvements. Ms. Forbes has and continues daily to demonstrate the qualities of a true Immunization Champion.



Since October of 2015, Ms. Forbes has been in charge of the immunization program at the Kickapoo Nation Health Center in Horton. Prior to joining this practice, she was a local school nurse for many years. When she stepped into her current role, she inherited a struggling vaccine program that had a history of frequent challenges with meeting best practice standards. There were no vaccines reported in KS WebIZ when she arrived, and only 59 clinic patients were current on their immunizations. By the end of 2016, over 250 patients had been immunized and there were over 400 records in KS WebIZ.



Ms. Forbes has transformed the nurses' station into the "Bee Wise Immunize" headquarters. When a child receives an immunization, a bee with the child's initials is stapled to the board (with the parent's permission) to recognize and reinforce a commitment to vaccination. This board is well loved by children and the wider community. She is also working on a coloring book about "Bee Wise Immunize" to provide the children as an incentive when they receive their vaccinations.

Ms. Forbes takes every opportunity available to educate her community about the importance of immunizations. This was even demonstrated this week when she was presented her award. We went to Golden Eagle Casino on Tuesday where the Kickapoo Nation Health Center was hosting a large health fair to

present the award to her in front of her community. There were over 40 vendors present along with many local community members attending the fair when we surprised her with the award. After the award had been presented, she was given the microphone to say whatever she felt she wanted to and after some brief "thank you" comments; she immediately transitioned to an educational message about the importance of vaccinations.

Please join us in congratulating Tenille Forbes as the 2017 Kansas Immunization Champion.

Have a great week!

**Phil Griffin**

**Deputy Director, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention**



Friday, April 28, 2017 at 3:00 PM the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is hosting their first ever Facebook Live event.

In honor of National Infant Immunization Week, our topic is the importance of vaccines. Becky Prall, our Immunization expert will be answering questions from Facebook users and educating listeners about why vaccines are important.

If you know someone that may benefit from this event, please share the KDHE Facebook page with them. Found on Facebook at: @KDHEnews.

## VFC Question of the Week-

**Q: *I have a patient that is allergic to latex. Is there a place I can find a list of vaccine stoppers that contain latex?***

**A:** You can find this information in Appendix B of the CDC Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases, AKA "The Pink Book". <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/b/latex-table.pdf>

Please Note: the package insert is always the best place source of information for all questions regarding a specific vaccine.

## Mumps In Kansas– 125 Cases Reported

As of April 22, 2017, 125 mumps cases have been reported in Kansas throughout multiple counties in the state. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and affected local health departments are working closely together to identify cases and implement appropriate isolation and exclusions policies to prevent further spread of mumps. Mumps cases have been reported in the following counties: Atchison, Barton, Brown, Crawford, Douglas, Ellis, Finney, Franklin, Graham, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Nemaha, Riley, Rooks, Thomas, Trego, and Wyandotte.

Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus and typically starts with a few days of fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness and loss of appetite, followed by swollen salivary glands. Please be mindful of the signs and symptoms of mumps, have appropriate laboratory testing completed when indicated, and **immediately report any suspicion of mumps to KDHE at 1-877-427-7317.**

For updated case counts and more information about mumps, please visit: <http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/mumps.htm>.

## Influenza Like Illness Surveillance – Activity Continues to Decrease

During the week ending April 22, 2017, influenza-like illness (ILI) activity continued to decrease in Kansas. ILI is defined as a fever ( $\geq 100$  degrees F) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. ILINet sites reported 1.1% of visits were due to ILI, a slight decrease from the previous week of 1.5%. This is below the regional baseline of 1.8%. These sites are also asked to submit up to two specimens for testing at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL). These specimens help monitor what types of influenza are

circulating in Kansas. KHEL has reported 133 positive influenza specimens (118 A/H3, 4 A/H1, 2 A (not subtyped), and 9 influenza B). Please remember outbreaks of any disease including influenza are reportable to KDHE. For more information on influenza surveillance, visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

## 2017 Immunization Conference Registration Now Open -

We are very excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2017 Kansas Immunization Conference. You may go to the

[2017 Kansas Immunization Conference Registration](#) site to complete your registration. Here are some helpful tips to get you through the process:

- If you have an account with the KU Area Health Education Center (AHEC).
  - \*Use your current user name and password to register.
  - \*If you have forgotten your password, click the link at the bottom of the log in for assistance.
  - \*If you have forgotten your user name, contact AHEC at 620-235-4040 for assistance.
- If you do not have an account with AHEC, follow the link on the log in pop up above the user name box.
- If you are using a credit card, you may pay on line after you register by clicking the pay button.
- If you are paying by check or purchase order, you will be contacted by the AHEC after you complete your registration.



Once you have completed your initial registration, you will receive an email from AHEC with follow up instructions for payment (if necessary) as well as information for selecting your meals, breakout sessions and sharing any special needs you may have.

Hard copies of the registration brochure will be mailed within the next couple of weeks. They are going to the printer this week and will be mailed to everyone on the Kansas Immunization Program mailing lists.

If you have not made your hotel reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. One of our host hotels (Holiday Inn) has already sold out of rooms and the others are approaching sell out. Holiday Inn Express has 4 rooms left, Hampton Inn has 7 rooms left and Country Inn and Suites is down to 20 rooms. [Hotel contact information and pricing details](#) are available on our website.

## Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) Manager - Closes April 27th

We are actively seeking the best possible candidate for the Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) Manager. The ideal VFC Manager will be enthusiastic about leading a team of passionate public health nurses and working with local providers to assure the safe immunization of Kansas children. We are looking for a professional (RN or LPN preferred) who enjoys working with colleagues toward a common goal of assuring proper childhood and adolescent immunization coverage. Experienced leaders interested in an opportunity to work with a dynamic team of professionals who are excited about protecting the public through proper immunization practices should consider applying. This position will be based in Topeka. Please see the full posting and instructions for applying online using [position requisition 185494](#). For more information or questions, please contact Phil Griffin at [phil.griffin@ks.gov](mailto:phil.griffin@ks.gov) or



## Regional Immunization Consultants - 2 Positions Vacant

We are actively seeking two Regional Immunization Consultants to join the Kansas Immunization Program. One position will be stationed in Wichita at the KDHE District Office (**CLOSES Friday April 27th**-information about this position may be found [here](#)) and the other will be stationed in Olathe at the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (information about this position may be found [here](#)) The ideal Regional Immunization Consultants will be enthusiastic about working with local providers to assure the safe immunization of Kansas children and will work to support increasing the rates of immunization coverage. We are looking for professionals who enjoy working with colleagues toward a common goal of assuring proper childhood and adolescent immunization coverage. If you have questions about either of these positions, please feel free to contact Phil Griffin at [phil.griffin@ks.gov](mailto:phil.griffin@ks.gov) or 785-296-8893.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the **Td** vaccine information statement has recently been updated and is now available.

This update corrects an error in the 2/24/2015 Td VIS. The instruction to talk to your doctor if you "have seizures or another nervous system problem" **has been removed**. This precaution applies to Tdap vaccine but not to Td, and was inadvertently included on the Td VIS.

Providers should order new copies of this VIS as soon as possible and recycle any old dated copies on their shelves. Providers should make patients aware that this is NOT a precaution for Td.

This updated VIS is ready to be ordered from the KIP Online Education Ordercenter located [here](#):

<a href="#">Td - English</a> (KDHEVIS17E) Packaged in units of 100/PKG <i>updated 4/11/17</i>	<input type="text" value="0"/> PKG
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The Spanish version is not yet available but will be posted as soon as it is updated.

## CoCASA 12.0 Update Now Available



The Comprehensive Clinic Assessment Software Application (CoCASA) 12.0 update is ready for you to download. This update addresses the new HPV two dose recommendation and changes the outcome status of each patient's record to "up to date" or not and is reliant upon the age series began, dosing intervals and number of doses. You may go to the [CDC CoCASA](#) site for the installation instructions. We encourage all providers who use CoCASA measure outcomes to complete this download as soon as possible. 2017 AFIX visits will be using this data.

## EPI UPDATE- *Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance Indicators*

Monthly reports are published on the completeness and quality of specific surveillance indicators for vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) in Kansas. These indicators are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Manual for the Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases. Progress towards these goals is reported to CDC. Data used for these reports are from cases reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Each month, the completeness of measured indicators, timeliness for case acceptance, and the percentage of investigations that are completed on time are calculated and distributed to local health departments through the Epi Updates Newsletter. Improvements and lagging areas are highlighted in each report and the goal is to reach 90% or higher completion on all VPD indicators. Numbers for the month of March 2017 can be found in the April 2017 edition of the Epi Updates Newsletter ([http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/epi\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/epi_newsletter.htm)).

## CDC publishes "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization"

On April 20, CDC published [General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization Best Practices: Guidance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#). This guidance is also available as a [194-page PDF document](#). This document replaces ACIP's "General Recommendations on Immunization," published in 2011.

The "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization" goes beyond vaccination recommendations to give providers guidelines on vaccination practice. The document will help vaccination providers to assess vaccine benefits and risks, use recommended administration practices, understand the most effective strategies for ensuring that vaccination coverage in the population remains high, and communicate the importance of vaccination to reduce the effects of vaccine-preventable disease.

By releasing "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization" as an online report, ACIP will be able to update the document more quickly, giving vaccination providers the most up-to-date guidance on vaccination practice. Incorporation of the Infectious Diseases Society of America guidance on vaccination of persons with altered immunocompetence.

Vaccination providers, immunization managers, and anyone interested in updates to "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization" may sign up to receive e-mail notifications whenever new information is released. Submit your email address in the appropriate box in the left column [here](#).



## KSWEBIZ Trainings— This week's trainings highlighted in yellow below



### Aggregate Inventory Training— **Mondays at 1 p.m., First Friday at 10:30 a.m.**

The Aggregate Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ for Aggregate Users. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Aggregate Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6598705111102500354>

Register now for the date that works best for you!

### Direct Entry Inventory Training— **Tuesdays at 1 p.m., First Friday at 12 p.m.**

The Direct Entry Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Entry Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4121654947304535298>

Register now for the date that works best for you!

### New User Training— **Thursdays at 2 p.m., Second Friday at 12 p.m.**

The New User Training occurs the second Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training on how to use KSWebIZ. We will be going over log-in, adding history, administering vaccinations, printing consents and pink cards. If you are a new user, have a new token, or recently had a token transferred to you please take the time to sit in on this training! **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Register now for the date that works best for you! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1572841858584797442>

### School Module Training- **Third Friday at 9 a.m.**

The School Module Training occurs the third Friday of every month from 9 - 10 a.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ school module users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ School Module Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8422671756415350273>

Register now for the date that works best for you!

### Reports Training- **Fourth Friday at 12 p.m.**

The Reports Training occurs the fourth Friday of every month from 12 - 1 p.m. This training is for KSWebIZ users who are wanting to learn more about the KSWebIZ Reports. We will be going over the various reporting sections and how to generate reports within these sections. We hope you have time to sit in on this training! **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Register now for the date that works best for you! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/568840407867357186>

**NOTE:** There have been additional trainings scheduled during the week for New User Training, Direct Inventory Training and Aggregate Inventory Training. The new times can be found above and when you register and select a specific training time. If these times do not work with your schedule or you have additional training needs please reach out to the IIS trainer [michael.sims@ks.gov](mailto:michael.sims@ks.gov) or 785-296-0687

## Vaccine Information Statements–

Anthrax	3/10/10	MMR	4/20/12
Chickenpox	3/13/08	Tdap	2/24/15
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	MMRV	5/21/10
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15
Hepatitis B	7/20/16	PCV 13	11/05/15
Hib	4/2/15	PPSV	4/24/15
HPV9	12/2/16	Polio	7/20/16
HPV4 (Gardasil)	5/17/13	Rabies	10/6/09
HPV2 (Cervarix)	5/03/11	Rotavirus	4/15/15
Influenza (LAIV4)	8/07/15	Shingles	10/6/09
Influenza (IIV3 or IIV4)	8/07/15	Smallpox	10/01/09
Japan. enceph.	1/24/14	Td	4/11/17
MCV4/MPSV4	3/31/16	Typhoid	5/29/12
MenB	8/09/16	Yellow fever	3/30/11

## Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter “Redistribution” to [kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov) or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464 [http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vaccine\\_redistribution.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vaccine_redistribution.htm)

**REMINDERS:** Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

- 1) The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date;
- 2) The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider;
- 3) Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date;
- 4) The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly MIR/reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
- 5) Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
- 6) All vaccines must be in full boxes
- 7) The KIP nurse consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine
- 8) Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
- 9) When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
- 10) Varicella and Proquad, will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the Kansas immunization Program requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers. Questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.